



Returned by functional constituencies

30 Members are returned by 28 functional constituencies



Returned by geographical constituencies through direct elections

The territories of Hong Kong are divided into 10 constituencies, returning a total of 20 Members



- Hong Kong Island East
- Hong Kong Island West
- Kowloon East
- Kowloon West
- Kowloon Central
- New Territories South East
- New Territories North
- New Territories North West
- New Territories South West
- New Territories North East

Powers and functions of the Legislative Council

Article 73 of the Basic Law:

1. To enact, amend or repeal laws in accordance with the provisions of the Basic Law and legal procedures
2. To examine and approve budgets introduced by the government
3. To approve taxation and public expenditure
4. To receive and debate the policy addresses of the Chief Executive
5. To raise questions on the work of the government

Powers and functions of the Legislative Council

Article 73 of the Basic Law:



6. To debate any issue concerning public interests
7. To endorse the appointment and removal of the judges of the Court of Final Appeal and the Chief Judge of the High Court
8. To receive and handle complaints from Hong Kong residents
9. To report a motion of impeachment passed against the Chief Executive to the Central People's Government
10. To summon, as required when exercising the above-mentioned powers and functions, persons concerned to testify or give evidence

Functions of the Legislative Council

(1) Enact laws

(2) Approve public expenditure

(3) Monitor the work of the Government

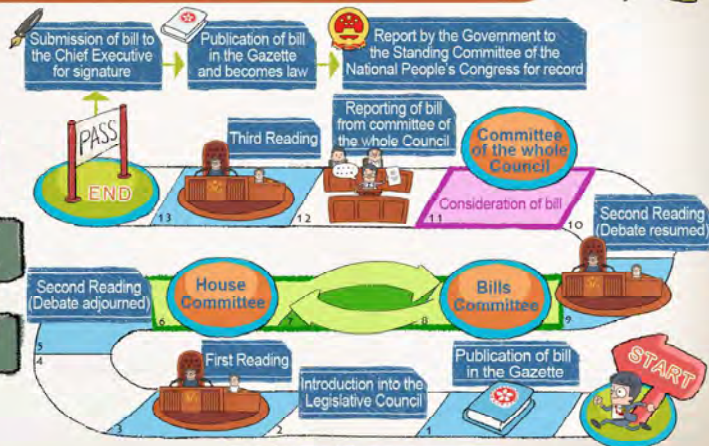



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Law-making process

Functions of the Legislative Council

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Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019
first introduced in February 2019

Passed in October 2021

Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Ordinance

Road Traffic Legislation (Parking Spaces) (Amendment) Bill 2019
first introduced in November 2019

Passed in November 2020

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Voting procedures


There are two different voting procedures:

- Motions, bills and amendments introduced by the Government: Require a majority vote of the Members present

Motion A

Vote Count			
Present	Yes	No	Abstain
85	78	4	2


Passed




Motion B

Vote Count			
Present	Yes	No	Abstain
85	30	23	31

Negated





Voting procedures

- Motions, bills and amendments introduced by individual Members : Require a majority vote of each of the following two groups of Members present:
 - Members returned by the Election Committee
 - Members returned by functional constituencies and by geographical constituencies through direct elections

Motion A

Vote Count					
Members	Result	Present	Yes	No	Abstain
Election Committee	Passed	36	19	6	11
Functional Constituencies	Passed	29	48	27	44
Geographical Constituencies	Passed	19	17	44	2



Passed



Motion B

Vote Count					
Members	Result	Present	Yes	No	Abstain
Election Committee	Passed	36	19	6	11
Functional Constituencies	Negative	29	48	21	13
Geographical Constituencies	Negative	19	17	44	2



Negated

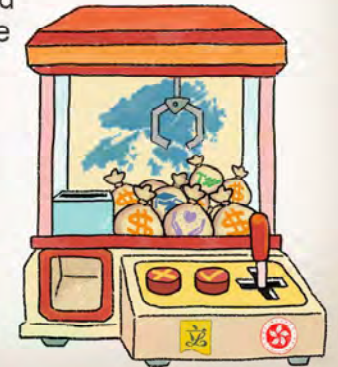
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- The Legislative Council scrutinizes and approves the Budget
- Changes to the approved Estimates of Expenditure are examined and approved by the Finance Committee

(1) Enact laws

(2) Approve public expenditure

(3) Monitor the work of the Government



Functions of the Legislative Council

- Raise questions and move motions for debate
- Consider reports of the Director of Audit on the Government's accounts and the results of value for money audits
- Monitor and examine government policies

(1) Enact laws

(2) Approve public expenditure

(3) Monitor the work of the Government



Functions of the Legislative Council

- Conduct site visits

(1) Enact laws

(2) Approve public expenditure

(3) Monitor the work of the Government



- Operate a Redress System to handle complaints from members of the public

Legislative Council meetings

The Legislative Council normally meets on Wednesdays in the Legislative Council Chamber

The business transacted at Council meetings mainly includes:

- Subsidiary legislation
- Questions
- Bills
- Motions

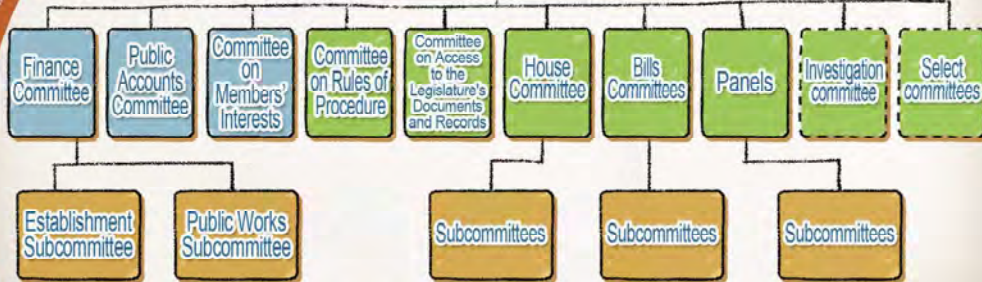


Legislative Council meetings



Committee system

Legislative Council



Standing committee of the Council

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